

LILAC Is Nominated For Roosevelt Award

Catholic Charities has nominated the LILAC Program and the seven participating parishes for the statewide Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award.

The award recognizes outstanding private voluntary contributions for the betterment of the local community.

The LILAC (Life in Institutions, Loving and Caring) Program organizes parishioners into group visiting activities at the Rochester Psychiatric Center and the

Prayer Weekends Scheduled

Two Weekends of Directed Prayer will be offered for lay and religious women and men in the Southern Tier -- the first Nov. 30-Dec. 2, and the second March 22-24 -- at the Mt. Saviour Monastery in Elmira.

Directors for the December weekend will be Father Francis Blighton, Father Vincent McDonough SJ, and Sister Judith Reger SSJ.

A donation of \$40 is suggested for the weekend. Reservations for December must be made by Oct. 30.

For further information, write to Sister Judith Reger, 1012 Davis St., Elmira, 14901; or call 607/734-9438 after 6:30 p.m. between Oct. 15-30.

Monroe Developmental Center.

The nominated parishes are St. Joseph in Penfield, Guardian Angels in Henrietta, and St. Thomas More, St. Salome, St. Pius Tenth, St. Anne, and St. John the Evangelist, all of Rochester.

The nomination cited the need for effective community education on mental illness, mental retardation, institutional life and patient needs; the serious need for stimulation of patients through personal contact and activities; the need for improved staff morale and for organized community advocacy on the issues of mental health and mental retardation.

Catholic Charities stated that the seven parishes have been immensely successful in meeting these needs through the LILAC Program, organized in late 1982.

Charities cited the following statistics:

- In the first year of the program, 30 homilies were presented to more than 12,000 parishioners drawing attention to practical ways parishioners could express their care for institutionalized persons.

- Orientation programs on institutional life were provided by psychiatric and developmental centers to more than 300 people.

- An average of 140 LILAC parish volunteers

visited patients at the centers each month.

- More than 225 volunteer hours were contributed each month, exceeding 2,700 for the year.

- A major public forum on the quality of community and institutional mental health care was conducted in which several LILAC volunteers participated in the planning and organization. Advocacy around the needs discussed at that forum has been pursued by Charities with state and county government.

Our Lady of Lourdes in Brighton and Good Shepherd in Henrietta are now in the process of organizing LILAC programs at Rochester Psychiatric Center. St. Francis in Phelps is also organizing a LILAC group for visiting the Newark Developmental Center.

At its annual volunteer recognition event recently, Rochester Psychiatric Center gave a special service award to Catholic Charities on behalf of the LILAC parish volunteers.

Dr. Martin Von Holden, executive director of the center, termed the LILAC Program as its most important community activity. The Statewide Quality Assurance Commission has complimented the program and is recommending that similar programs be developed in conjunction with other institutions around the state.

Nazareth College To Host Seton Sale, Swimathon

The 28th annual Seton Sale will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Nazareth College Otto Shults Center.

"Some 800 members have been at work all year," said Barbara Bacitti, sale co-chairperson. Along with co-chairperson Ida Van Graafeiland and other committee members, the group has been busy since last Fall crafting thousands of items for this year's sale.

According to a press release from the organization, returning this year are a number of "out-of-the-ordinary" booths, including "the indoor garden," "silent auction," "mitten tree," among others.

Coinciding with the sale will be the Seton Swimathon, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Shults Center pool.

Swimmers ages 8 to 80 will participate, recruiting sponsors on a pledge-per-lap basis. A 10-speed bicycle from Yauchzi's is the grand prize for the swimmer collecting the most pledge money.

A soup and sandwich luncheon, including various homemade desserts, will round out the day. Tickets may be reserved by contacting the St. Mary's Volunteer Center at 464-3255.

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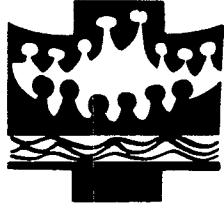
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Insights In Liturgy

By Father Thomas P. Mull



The Eucharistic Prayer

Sunday is the ancient day of celebration for Christians. It was the "first day of the week" that Jesus rose from the dead. Early Church tradition speaks of the day after Sabbath as the "eighth day," a foretaste of the day of salvation. This special day has been honored with the celebration of the Eucharist. This was the gathering time for the local community who, after sharing the Word of God, shared the Bread of Life.

An intricate part of this Sunday celebration was the Eucharistic Prayer. If one were to choose an ancient Eucharistic Prayer and study it, that one would have a wonderful insight into the faith-life of the period. This prayer of thanksgiving was a summary of the activity and power of the community: thanking God, calling upon God's Spirit, praying for the needs of the community, Church, and all. It beautifully blends tradition, theology and knowledge into a prayer of the people.

We know that Vatican II has provided us with a variety of Eucharistic Prayers. From the Council of Trent until 1969, the Church had one Eucharistic Prayer called the Roman Canon. This

was the constant prayer used at all celebrated Masses. In 1969, four Eucharistic Prayers (including a revised Roman Canon) were contained in the Roman Missal. These are the prayers most familiar to Roman Catholics today.

In 1974, five more Eucharistic Prayers were approved for use in the United States. Three of these were specifically for children's liturgies; the final two, called "Eucharistic Prayers of Reconciliation," were offered to enhance those liturgies celebrated during penitential seasons, on special occasions, at times of prayer for peace, unity, justice, etc. We have in the Church today, then, nine Eucharistic Prayers officially approved by Rome for use in the American Church.

This November, the American bishops will be discussing a possible tenth Eucharistic Prayer and two others are currently being prepared and studied by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). This brings to 12 the total number of possible future Eucharistic Prayers.

Sunday is the ancient day of celebration. The Eucharistic Prayer is an integral part of a Christian's Sunday prayer. Hopefully, we can grow to experience this prayer as the community's prayer of consecration and unity.

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